

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )  
HISASHI ISHIKAWA ) : Examiner: Q. Vo  
Application No.: 10/611,948 ) : Group Art Unit: 2625  
Filed: July 3, 2003 ) : Confirmation No. 5415  
For: A METHOD AND )  
APPARATUS FOR IMAGE ) :  
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Commissioner for Patents  
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated October 26, 2009. Claims 1, 3 to 7, 20, 22 to 26 and 39 remain pending in the application, of which Claims 1, 20 and 39 are independent. For convenience, a listing of the claims is provided below. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.